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"Home for the Holidays" Weekend Festivities Planned for Marion Village

By Kenneth J. Souza

This weekend Marion residents would be wise to stay "home for the holidays" to enjoy a series of seasonal festivities planned on Friday and Saturday in the village. As early as Monday morning, shop fronts and homes were decorated with an array of evergreen and red bows to add just the right touch of the Christmas spirit to the already-quaint town center. Following are some of the highlights planned for this festive holiday weekend.

■ Tree Lighting

One of the highlights of the weekend for young and old alike will be the traditional town Tree Lighting which will commence at 6:00 pm in Bicentennial Park across from the Marion Town House. Santa Claus is slated to make a special appearance during the Tree Lighting, and is expected to arrive for the first time this year by horse and carriage.

■ Village Stroll

The Third Annual Marion Christmas Stroll will take place on Friday, December 12 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm in the town village. The event will be fun for children of all ages and will include wassail, caroling, and plenty of merchants' merriment. Key stops slated along the route will include:

St. Gabriel's Church on South Street; the First Congregational Church on Main Street; the Marion General Store on Front Street; the Marion Post Office and Sippican Historical Society on Front Street; Unique Image Boutique, the Flower Works, Coldwell Banker/Hayes Associates, the Sippican Woman's Club, Spirits, Ryder Real Estate Management, and Pierce and Warburton Realtors, all on Front Street; the Bookstall, Eames Insurance, Saltonstall Architects, the U.S. Flag Company, Horizon Marine, and Everett M. Davis, CPA, also all on Front Street; the Sitting Duck on the corner of Front Street and Cottage Street; Hiller Printing on Cottage Street; and Harriet's, Violette's Bakery and the Cake Lady, all off Cottage Street (behind the Marion Music Hall).

■ Fair Noël

Fair Noël at St. Gabriel's Church will be an important stop on Marion's Village Stroll this year. With all the proceeds going to Outreach, the fair will run from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Friday, December 12. Available throughout in the Parish Hall will be a warm supper of selections keyed to young and old. There will also be the traditional handmade boutique items on sale and a small selective presentation of trinkets and treasures.

New to the fair will be beautifully-designed booklets of meditations, which the Marion Prayer Group has selected from Letters of the Scattered Brotherhood. Homemade baked goods, a famous cheese, tins of favorite recipe Christmas cookies, and Aunt Sarah's Corner with activities for children and delicately-priced items for little ones guarantee a memorable stop on the stroll.

■ Gifts from the Sea



Above: Bob and Bobbie Ketchel pose with the new unisex aprons now being sold by the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. The blue aprons feature a white depiction of the town gazebo at Shipyard Park and are treated with a Pro Dura™ finish to resist stains and retain color. The aprons are \$16 each and will be on sale this Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Seaport Ice Cream Coffee Shoppe on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Or you can call Lois Murray (758-4949) or Bobbie Ketchel (758-9593) to order them directly. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

On the cover: Marion's First Congregational Church will be just one of the many stops along the Third Annual Marion Village Stroll this weekend. The weekend festivities will include the town Tree Lighting on Friday at 6:00 pm at Bicentennial Park. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Cover insert: Faculty, staff and administrators at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School prepare to bury a new time capsule during the school's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration last week. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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■ Holiday House Tour

Marion's Eleventh Annual Holiday House Tour will take place on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with six Marion homes to be open to ticket holders. Wassail punch will be served all day at Handy's Tavern as well as Sugar Plum Tea at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club, this year's gala events are chaired by Renata Briggs. House hostesses are Joan Asker, Yvonne Jackson, Nancy Wickenden, Jean Luce, Mary Pepin, and Norma Fleming. Lu Chevrier will host "A Williamsburg Christmas" and Wassail punch in Handy's Tavern on Front Street. Decor in the tavern will be done by Cathy Jones of the Wareham Garden Club.

Events in Handy's Tavern also include period music of the Williamsburg era. Violinists Paula Freedman and Sarah Stoltenberg of Tabor Academy's String Ensemble and the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra will play from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Harpist

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Jeanne Lake chairs the Sugar Plum Tea at St. Gabriel's Church on South Street. House tour participants may enjoy hot tea and special "goodies" there from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Many area businesses give their services to the Holiday House Tour which raises funds for area scholarships. These merchants include: Jilly's Antiques and Great 'Scapes, Andrew Grossman of Providence (exterior decor), Blossoms, A Flower Works, and Eden Landscape and Design. Last year's Holiday House Tour revenues generated over \$5,000 in area scholarships.

This year's Holiday House Tour brochure was designed by Renata Briggs, Crete Boord and Mary Dawson. Virginia Barry created the posters while Sally

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Related events on December 13 include a luncheon from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the First Congregational Church Community Center in Marion Village (behind the General Store parking lot). Luncheon tickets are \$6 at the door.

The Marion Art Center at 80 Pleasant Street in the village offers "Gifts from the Sea" in its galleries and a program never seen before — the artist "Cecil Clark's Christmas" featuring antique dolls, furniture, and toys from the private collection of Anne and Nydeck Schenck. Admission is FREE, and their hours on December 13 are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Tickets for the Holiday House Tour are \$12 in advance and \$15 on Saturday, December 13. Advance tickets are available at the Marion General Store, Unique Image, Sitting Duck, The Bookstall (all in the Marion village) and The Opulent Owl in Mattapoisett. Tickets purchased on December 13 will be sold at Handy's Tavern on Front Street in Marion.

Silver Anniversary

ORR Junior High School Celebrates 25 Years

By Kenneth J. Souza

Students, faculty and staff members at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School celebrated the school's twenty-fifth anniversary last Friday, December 5 with an assembly and the planned opening of a time capsule from 1972 along with the burying of a new time capsule from 1997. There was just one snag in their plans, however: the time capsule buried during the school's opening could not be found.

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dirt out there," Principal Gary Maestas told the assembly. "We've measured twenty-five paces and twenty-five feet. (Former Principal) Robert Gardner is out there right now trying to find it."

"We are still outside looking for the buried time capsule," Robert Gardner said. "We'll find it certainly by the next millenium. It had something to do with forgetfulness, I think."

It was 25 years ago that the junior high school students from the tri-town area — who formerly attended school at the combined junior and senior high school facility — moved into their own building down the road.

"Twenty-five years ago a number of us at the senior high school trudged down that long walkway and opened up the junior high school," Mr. Gardner said. "We decided we wanted to have some very important traditions in place — some of which are still around today. We wanted to have a school that we could really be proud of."

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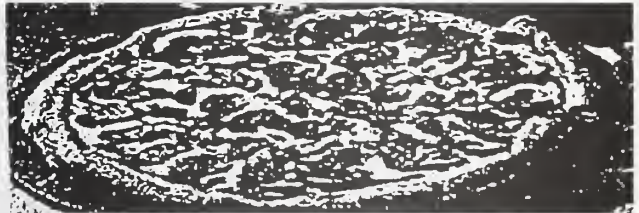
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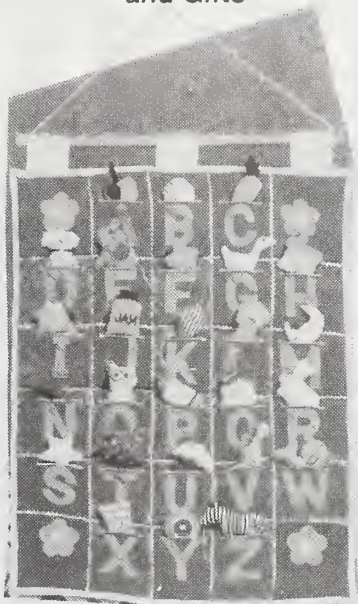
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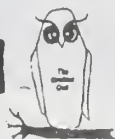
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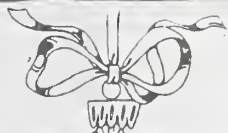
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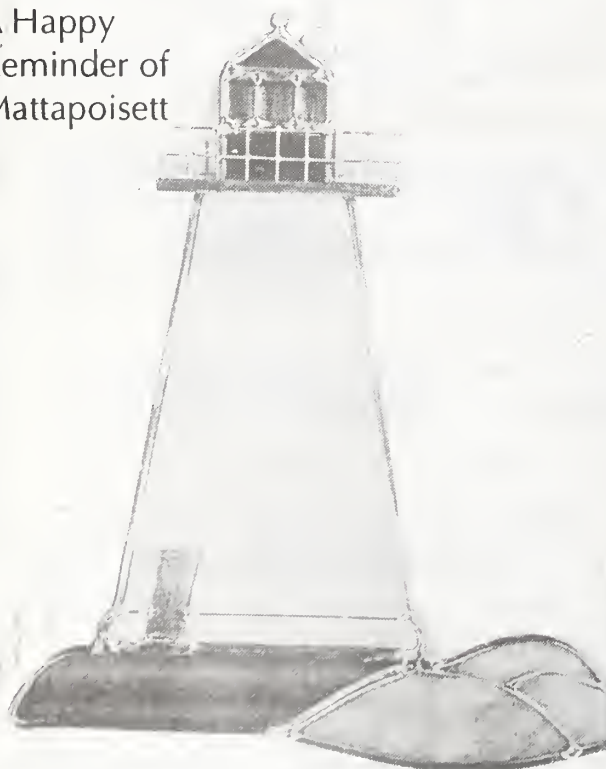
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Principal Gary Maestas then announced several items that would be placed into the new time capsule for burial that morning, items representing each "team" at the school. Among them: magazine with Princess Diana on the cover; Pringles potato chips; videotape of Mr. Reagan dancing; Master Lock from lockers; electronic GigaPet; scientific calculator; artificial Beanie Baby; computer disk; recent issue of *The Standard-Times*; compact disc of The Cranberries; *Time* magazine; quarter and penny from 1997; Toys 'R' Us circular; certificate for NFL with New England Patriots; *The Navigator* for 1997 (ORR Junior High School Yearbook); skateboard catalog; *The Natural Gas* (ORR Junior High School newspaper); *Sports Illustrated*; agenda book for teachers; minutes from Student Activity Council meeting; cough drop; toe ring; and pair of rollerblades.

With a little luck — and, hopefully, a map — the school can dig up this time capsule twenty-five years from now and marvel at the contents that were sealed up in 1997.

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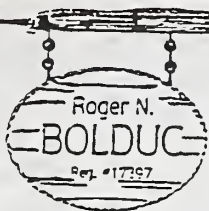


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Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

December 8, 1997

By Rebecca Fortin

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Mattapoisett was called to order on Monday, December 8, 1997 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School by Town Moderator William Blasdale upon noting the presence of a quorum. Also present were members of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the Town Clerk, and the Executive Secretary.

The turnout for the meeting was an estimated 110 members. The first order of business was the nomination by Bob Bancroft of Selectman John DeCosta as Mattapoisett's Man of the Year. Mr. Bancroft asked for a "show of appreciation and esteem" for a man he thought deserving of the title. The opinion, obviously shared by countless audience members, was confirmed with a standing ovation for Selectman DeCosta, who was visibly moved by the gesture. The final decision for the "Man of

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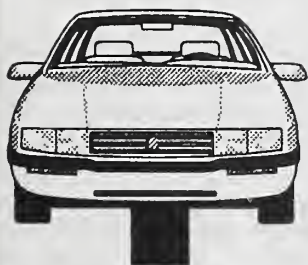
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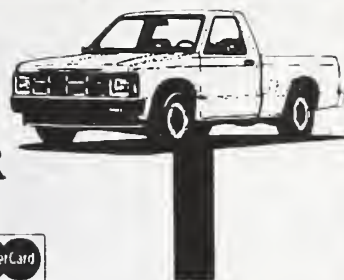


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The first article on the Special Town Meeting warrant was for the allocation of a total of \$907.85 from Free Cash for unpaid bills from the 1997 fiscal year. When the question arose from the audience, "Why does this happen every year?" the answer from the board was that these unpaid bills were the result of bills arriving after the books for the year had been closed. The article was passed, 109 to 1.

The second article referred to supplemental budgets in the sum of \$146,500, which would be appropriated for the 1998 fiscal year.

Selectman DeCosta noted that the \$3,500 for the Town Hall were fees that were used to purchase a PortaJohn and design fees that are being used for the Town Hall handicap accessibility renovations.

School Committee Chairman Andy Lynch addressed the issue of the \$119,000 which the school budget is short. He explained that this much-needed money had nothing to do with wages, rather it was money needed for the Special Needs projects for disabled students. He noted that there are 75 students in K-6 who have disabilities to some degree, ranging from reading disabilities to severe handicaps.

Mr. Lynch explained that three children had unforeseen problems this year, thus the extra money needed. Further, the state only provides the system with approximately \$400 per child, when the actual requirement is about \$20,000 per child.

In addition, Mr. Lynch requested that people contact their legislators and demand a change in the system so that these requests do not happen annually. "I urge you most vigorously to support this and to contact your legislators" he said.

Selectman Michele Bernier offered an explanation for the \$24,000 needed to supplement the Police Officer wages. She offered that it was due to certain officers "stepping through the system" who were entitled to more than the average 3 percent raise. Negotiations were under way and were expected to finish shortly.

One audience member requested that the article be divided so that each

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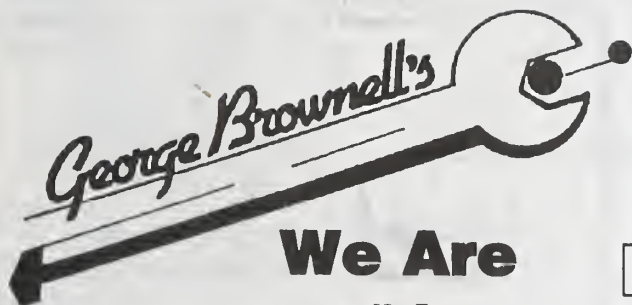
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money allocation could be voted on separately, but the motion was denied. Finally, the article passed 109 to 1.

The third article was in regard to the renovation of the Town Hall for compliance of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Architect Steve Kelleher moved that \$76,000 from Free Cash be used to complete Phase 1 of the project, which will consist of a handicapped-accessible bathroom, an elevator, and additional meeting room space, as well as ramps at the rear of the building and one adjacent to the Town Clerk's office. Construction, architecture, and engineering are all included in the figure.

The article passed 109 to 1.

The fourth article of the night was for the allocation of \$500 from Free Cash to assist the Commission on Disabilities. The article passed unanimously.

The fifth article was presented by resident Joe Slatterly in regards to potential power supply contracts. He is seeking the best rate possible for the town's power supply. The article passed unanimously.

The sixth article was for the allocation of \$1,500 from Free Cash to cover fees for the electric deregulation costs. Selectman Bernier explained that the money will pay for two negotiators at a law firm who will work for the town to receive the best rates for electrical services. Ms. Bernier added that she hoped it was a one-time fee.

The article passed 109 to 1.

Article 7 dealt with the Railroad Right of Way issue. Town Counsel Dan Perry presented the issue. The town wants to acquire the three miles of railroad from Fairhaven to Marion by purchase, gift, or eminent domain. He explained that the town has the right of use, but not ownership of the railroad. He suggested that the town could purchase the property for \$25,000.

Water/Sewer Superintendent William "Nick" Nicholson also wants the right of the railroad, and suggested that it could be given as a charitable donation.

Steve Kelleher continued that to go forward with the proposed bike path project, at the end of February 1998, the town would need to own that land and could

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not go forward without ownership.

Capital Needs Committee Chairman Randall Kunz expressed concern that "Free Cash" — which is where the proposed \$25,000 would come from — equals "excessive taxation," and he questioned whether it is worth the bike path project. The estimated cost of the bike path project is \$800,000 — 90 percent of which would be paid by the federal government. The article passed 80 to 20.

The eighth article suggested that \$10,000 be transferred from the Water Enterprise Fund and that \$9,500 be transferred from Article 30 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting to provide funds for a Water and Sewer Financial Study.

Water and Sewer Commissioner James Huntoon stated that "Mattapoisett is coming to a crucial point," and is expanding tremendously in terms of its use of water and sewer. He explained that several people are on septic systems that would like to go on to the sewer system. Mr. Huntoon said that the town needs to do an analysis of costs and evaluate costs as new customers come on board.

Mr. Huntoon also expressed concern for the cost of repairs on pipes, that

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in some cases date back to the 1800's. The article passed 90 to 1.

The ninth article suggested the establishment of a Sewer Enterprise Fund that was presented by Water and Sewer Commissioner James Huntoon. The article passed 80 to 10.

The tenth article was presented by Barbara Pepin, a Special Needs teacher at Old Hammondtown School, whose ring was damaged moving a filing cabinet at her office. She requested that the town pay for the repair, which was estimated at \$975.

Mr. Chase, a town resident, suggested that this sort of request was "dangerous territory," as it would set a precedent for future liability. The article failed, 80 against to 10 in favor.

Article 11 was petitioned by resident Tony Lockwood, which suggested that there be a Detailed Line Item Budget presented at Town Meeting. This would enable the voters to know precisely what they were voting for and exactly how much money was being allocated for such items. He requested that the information be provided free of charge and readily accessible fourteen days before Town Meetings.

The Finance Committee (FinCom) reminded Mr. Lockwood that all of their meetings — as well as the School Committee meetings — were open to the public and welcomed people to come and peruse the budgets. The article passed by a slim margin of 50 to 49.

In Article 12, the FinCom recommended the sum of \$69,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the town's Stabilization Fund. That would bring the total of the fund to \$150,000. The article passed unanimously.

In Article 13, the FinCom recommended the sum of \$30,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the Reserve Fund of the town.

This money will be used for unexpected expenses. Last year the fund had a total of \$20,000 and as of right now the fund is depleted.

At the beginning of the Special Town Meeting there was \$539,000 in Free Cash, and by the end there was only \$190,000 remaining. The article passed unanimously.

There being no further articles to consider, the Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 9, 1997

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to

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order on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Paul R. Lambalot, Selectman Michele Bernier, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

The meeting began promptly at 7:00 pm with the approval of the minutes from last week's meeting.

A dance permit was approved for the Mattapoisett Square Dance Association from June 27, 1998 through August 29, 1998.

Executive Secretary Carol Adams reviewed the incoming correspondence for the week, including:

- Notification that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on December 15 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of reviewing the proposed site improvements at 38 North Street (the seahorse property) to be used by Hearts & Hands, Inc. Concern from the residents that the seahorse on the property would be destroyed was alleviated with the guarantee it was, indeed, staying;

- The Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) forwarded correspondence requesting letters of intent for the fourth round of Transportation Enhancement proposals;

- Irwin Marks of the SouthCoast emPOWERment group forwarded a memo urging attendance at their December 10 meeting at the Acushnet Town Hall;

- John N. DeCosta expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Board of Selectmen for their participation in the recent Veterans Day exercises;

- The Suburban Coalition forwarded a copy of their 1998 Position Paper;
- Department of Revenue (DOR) forwarded a memo relative to the procedure for changing boards or officers from elected to appointed.

Executive Secretary Carol Adams went on to discuss her weekly report, including:

- She would like to implement a written policy for town departments that handle cash that her office would monitor. All of the Selectmen were in agreement;

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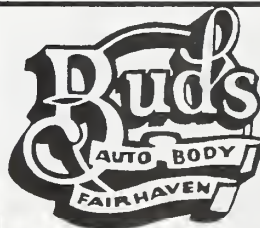
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• Selectman DeCosta wanted to give town employees the day after Christmas (December 26) and the day after New Year's Day (January 2) off, but the board regretfully had issue with the holiday due to the town's union policies. The decision was made to send letters to all department heads and offering that employees take those days as vacation or personal days if they wish;

- The Town Hall Christmas party will be held on December 19 at 12:00 noon at the Mattapoisett Inn;
- The entire tennis court has been completed with new fencing on all sides. The Highway Department removed all of the old fencing;
- Discussion of the storage of the senior van continued. There is also a need for storage space for all recreational equipment.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

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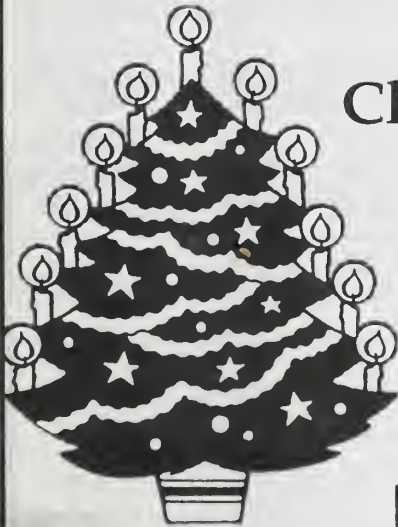


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Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 9, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After signing treasury warrant #24 for the week and approving the minutes of the December 2 meeting, the board unanimously voted to approve all town licenses for 1998 including Common Victualler's, Liquor Licenses, and Amusement Licenses.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) certifying the town's Free Cash in the amount of \$475,845 as of July 1, 1997. Chairman Schaefer noted that the amount is more than what was anticipated.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) next sent notification to the board that the town's application for a Natural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit has been reviewed and appears to be complete. "You may be contacted for additional information as the permit is developed, should it be necessary to clarify, modify or supplement any previously submitted information," the letter stated.

Bob Marso of the Marion Council on Aging (COA) next sent a memo to the board regarding the 1999 Capital Budget. According to Mr. Marso, the COA has begun the process of securing a grant to help replace the handicap transportation van. As part of this process, they need to submit a preapplication request to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. With this request, they must secure the town's commitment to participate in the purchase by paying 20 percent of the total cost.

Mr. Marso noted that the vehicle will cost an estimated \$39,050, of which the town would be expected to contribute \$7,810. The preapplication needs to be filed by March, 1998 and the completed application by May, 1998.

Selectman Winters noted that the handicap van is a valuable service to Marion residents. "It may not be obvious, but there are many people who benefit from this service," he said.

The Board of Fire Engineers next submitted a memo and a copy of the recent indoor air quality assessment performed by OccuHealth, Inc. along with an invoice for \$1,415 for the study. Since the Fire Engineers are not budgeted for this

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item, they were requesting assistance in securing funding for the study. Chairman Schaefer noted that she would discuss this with Steve Hayes and the board agreed to take the matter under advisement for two weeks.

Com/Electric next sent a request for temporary rights for the installation of poles, transformer, and service facilities at the site of the sewer project off Benson Brook Road in Marion. This request is to supply underground primary wire and transformer to the site. In order to secure permanent rights, Com/Electric has submitted an article to be placed on the next Town Meeting warrant which would grant easement rights to the company.

The board unanimously voted to temporarily grant rights for installation to Com/Electric until the Town Meeting article is put to a vote.

At 7:15 pm the board met with George Ferry, Owner/Manager of Barros Drive Cafe, to discuss his request to extend the establishment's hours of operation until 2:00 am on New Year's Eve instead of their usual 1:00 am closing time. The board members, however, were not willing to grant Mr. Ferry's request.

"We've not granted such requests before, and I have some real safety concerns with people coming from out of town to take advantage of that last drink," Chairman Schaefer said. "There's a dangerous s-curve in town and I've seen too many accidents there already."

"Our main priority is the Town of Marion," agreed Selectman Dickerson. "I'd hate to see someone rushing through town to catch last call. And I really don't think an extra hour of celebrating is going to make that much difference."

"I don't think it's worth risking the lives of other Marion residents just to take advantage of an extra hour of business," agreed Selectman Winters. "That's a dangerous night to be out as it is."

Mr. Ferry noted that he only made the request because he found that most other bars and lounges in the area — including Wareham — will stay open until 2:00 am on that night. But Chairman Schaefer noted they are the licensing authority in Marion and, as such, they are not obligated to extend the establishment's hours.

Chairman Schaefer next noted that the board needed to reconsider their

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The board voted to close the Town House on Friday, December 26 via majority vote, with Selectman Dickerson abstaining.

At 7:20 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss bargaining strategy related to non-union personnel and also to consider a grievance issue. There being no further matters to come before the board, they would thereafter adjourn for the evening. Since next Tuesday evening, December 16, will be the town employee holiday gathering, the board will not meet. Their next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 23.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 8, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 8 at 7:30 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman William Chamberlain, Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes, Executive Secretary Russell Dean, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After approving the minutes of the December 1 meeting — with Selectman Hawkes abstaining — the board reviewed incoming correspondence for the week, beginning with a letter of complaint from James and Holly Vogel regarding dogs owned and kenneled by Harold "Buzz" Mendoza, their neighbor on Hiller Road.

Mr. Mendoza has several hound dogs on his property which he raises and enters in competition and he has a kennel license for this purpose. However, the animals often consistently howl and disturb Mr. and Ms. Vogel. "We are confronted on a daily basis of continuous barking from dogs at the H. Mendoza residence at 32 Hiller Road," the Vogels wrote in their letter to the board. "Our residence is directly adjacent at 42 Hiller Road ... (and) this extreme and unresolved nuisance persists with no apparent end in sight and we are unable to tolerate this incessant disturbance any longer."

Mr. and Ms. Vogel went on to say that the dogs barked all day on Thanksgiving and guests who were at

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their home could not believe the distraction. During the summer months, the couple also had guests at their house who left because they could not tolerate the howling of the dogs. In addition to losing sleep, Ms. Vogel has a medical condition which requires her to rest and maintain a low level of stress — something which has been impossible with the dog disturbance.

"There is no longer peace in our lives with this horrendous situation and we respectfully invite any of the board members to visit our home and witness — as have so many other officials within the Town of Rochester — this situation," Mr. and Ms. Vogel wrote. "Officer William Chamberlain's comments this past Sunday upon hearing the barking was, 'you people have a real problem here.' We have been silently and respectfully attempting to resolve this matter for two years with the Mendozas, but the situation persists and we are forced to approach ... the Board of Selectmen."

Chairman Cutler added that there are "piles of information" on file regarding this matter and he suggested that it might be time to invite Mr. Mendoza in

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to attempt to rectify this situation. Assistant Animal Control Officer Richard Sevigny also noted that he visited the property and noted that the "dogs barked continuously during my time at the house."

Mr. Sevigny also added that Mr. Mendoza may be in violation of his kennel permit since he has seven dogs on the property but only five on file with the town. He would also suggest an investigation be made regarding the sale of these dogs and if Mr. Mendoza is vaccinating the animals on his property.

Selectman Hawkes asked if Mr. Mendoza's kennel license could be revoked for such violations.

"Absolutely," Mr. Sevigny said. "It can be revoked and he would then have 10 days to appeal."

Janice Look also noted that Mr. Mendoza is building an addition onto the kennel at the back of his property and she isn't sure whether or not he has applied for a Building Permit. Animal Control Officer Tom Medeiros confirmed that Mr. Mendoza intends to add onto his existing kennel.

Chairman Cutler suggested the board send a certified letter to Mr. Mendoza advising him that they would like him to attend a hearing on this matter and that they intend to revoke his kennel license if he doesn't comply. With that in the form of a motion, it was passed by majority vote with Selectman Chamberlain abstaining due to his involvement in the matter.

At 8:00 pm the board continued a pole installation

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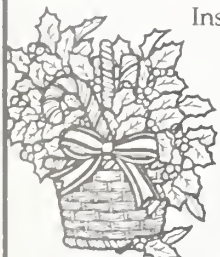
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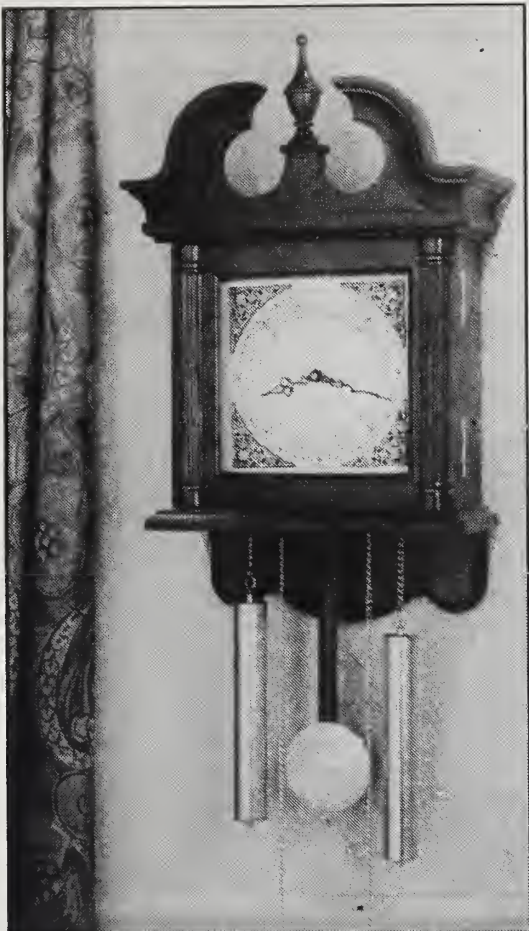


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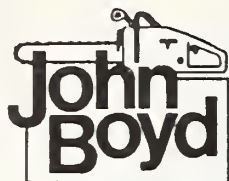
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hearing from last week upon a request from Bell Atlantic to install a new jointly-owned utility pole on High Street to support wires which are currently attached to a tree. Al Teufel, Rights of Way Manager for Bell Atlantic, was present for the hearing.

Chairman Cutler wanted to know why utility wires were initially attached to a tree. Mr. Teufel said he wasn't sure how that happened himself. But this new pole installation would rectify that situation and the eye-hook bolt would be removed from the tree.

There was only one abutter present for the hearing, and he had no objections to the installation. With that, the board unanimously voted to grant Bell Atlantic's petition to install a new jointly-owned utility pole on High Street.

Selectman Chamberlain asked Mr. Teufel how the company was doing on getting rid of the many "double poles" in town. Mr. Teufel advised that they have been working on that process, and the list of double poles which Selectman Chamberlain submitted to him has been very helpful in speeding things along.

At 8:15 pm the board met with Fire Chief Scott Ashworth to discuss a recent donation to the Fire Department and potential conflict of interests. First, Chief Ashworth noted that they recently received a device called a PulseOx unit which allows department personnel to monitor a person's oxygen level via their pulse. About a month ago, one such unit was donated by the Annie Maxim House.

Now, members of the North Avenue Residents' Association have kindly donated another PulseOx unit — which costs about \$725 — to the department. "It's an expensive piece of equipment and we have one unit in the main ambulance," Chief Ashworth said. "I hope the board will vote to accept this (second) donation."

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Next, Chief Ashworth noted that he was asked to check into a potential conflict of interest with one of his Fire Department members. He said he called the state Ethics Commission, and they advised him that the person should call them directly. Chief Ashworth added that in order to comply with state law, the following three requirements need to be met:

- All call firefighters need to be designated as special municipal employees;

- Disclosure statements need to be filed with Town Clerk's office; and

- The Board of Selectmen needs to vote on an exemption from Chapter 20 (Conflict Law).

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Selectman Hawkes requested that the individual send a letter to the board requesting the exemption along

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At 8:25 pm the board met with Chief Dispatcher Kathy O'Brien who requested that the board hire two more part-time dispatchers for the town's Communications Department. The two candidates were Tracy Birch, a Rochester resident who currently works as a dispatcher part-time for the Freetown Police Department and will be certified with LEAPS and NCIC by this week, and Jay Stapleton, a Wareham resident who has worked as a dispatcher with the Sandwich Police Department and needs to be trained on LEAPS and NCIC.

The board unanimously voted to appoint both Ms. Birch and Mr. Stapleton as part-time dispatchers on training pay until they have completed their training period.

In other business, the board unanimously voted to:

- Allow Town Hall employees to take Friday, December 26 off as either a personal day or vacation day, but not declare it as a townwide holiday. "I have no problem with closing Town Hall, but I think people should take it as a personal day," Selectman Hawkes said. Selectman Chamberlain added that if the Town Hall is closed, employees should have the option of taking it as a personal or vacation day, or they can simply not be paid for that day and take a four-day week;

- Approve the renewal of Liquor Licenses for 1998 for Adrian's Package Store and Lloyd's Market, with an amendment to allow both establishments to extend their "holiday hours" from Thanksgiving through New Year without having to make the request each year;

- Draft and send a memo to Animal Control

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Officer Tom Medeiros advising him that he will be immediately placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into a recent complaint filed against him. They also voted to appoint Assistant Animal Control Officer Richard Seigny as Acting Animal Control Officer to take over his duties in the interim.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 9:12 pm.

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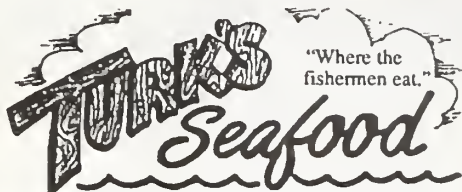
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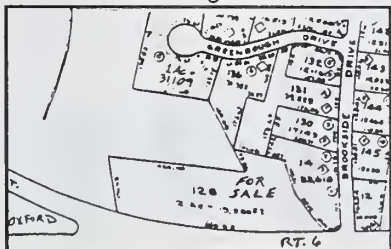
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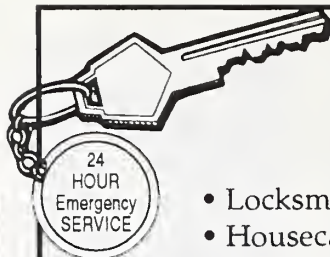
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I want to thank all town employees for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank our elected officials and the many appointed board and committee members that I have worked with throughout my tenure. Your service and commitment to our town is unsurpassed.

Last, but not least, I want to thank Executive Secretary Carol Adams and Melody Pacheco for the outstanding work they do in the day-to-day running of the Selectmen's office. Their service and loyalty go beyond the call of duty — "thank you."

I want to thank my wife, Gerry, and my family for their support over the past 21 years. I could not have done it without them. Now we will have more time to spend together.

Finally, I want to thank all of you, the residents of Mattapoisett, who truly make this town a special place to live in. I want to thank you for the many kindnesses you have shown me and my family over the years.

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Sincerely,
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To the Editor:

The Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen wish to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and departments who, once again, kindly donated their time to help make our Fifteenth Annual 1997 Christmas Tree Lighting such a great success!

A very special "thank you" goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Swen Olaussen of the Christmas Tree Farm in Rochester for this year's donation of such a beautiful Christmas tree that is now on display in the gazebo at Shipyard Park.

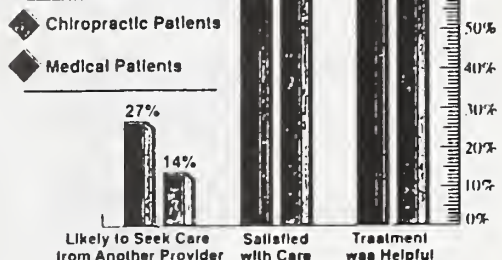
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Thank you to all our friends who donated their time and effort to make our tree lighting a festive occasion. We extend these thanks to Marc and Marlene Goddu, for their donation of ciders and the use of their porch; Mrs. Janice Sparks of the Shipyard Galley for her delicious vegetable tray; Mr. Rick Brown of New Bedford Voke for his great sandwiches; and the Mattapoisett Women's Club for their yummy desserts.

A special thank you is extended to Bob Adams, Barbara Sullivan, Maria Cananzey, and Melody Pacheco!

Sincerely,
John N. DeCosta, Chairman
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Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

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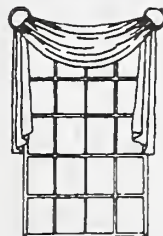
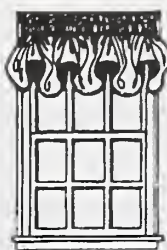
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Don't forget to stop by the Plumb Memorial Library's Holiday Shop and buy your last-minute gifts. The library now has Rochester cup plates in four colors, depicting Hartley Saw Mill, as well as Rochester mouse pads/hot pads. In addition to these items, the library has books on Rochester history and families and by Rochester authors, Rochester afghans, calendars, T-shirts, ornaments, plates, maps and postcards. Proceeds from the sale of these items benefit the various local authors and organizations, including the Rochester Historical Society, Woman's Club, Land Trust, and Plumb Library.

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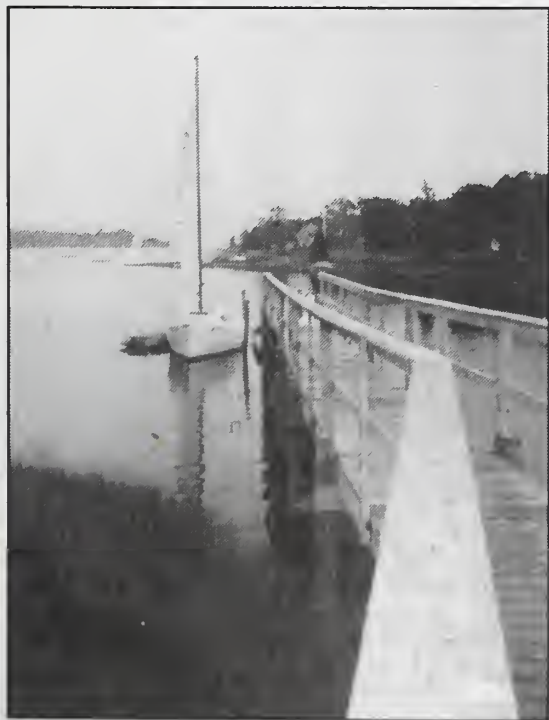
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The annual Holiday Luncheon will be served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Community Center Hall at 144 Front Street on Saturday, December 13. Tickets are \$6.50 and may be purchased at the church office weekday mornings or at the door. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling the church office at 748-1053.

The Candlelight Christmas Pageant with the choir will be held in the church on Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 pm. The community is invited to attend.

The traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service of worship will be held in the church at 7:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

Acushnet Elementary School

Holiday Drive

The staff of the Acushnet Elementary School, along with their students and families, will try to do their part during this holiday season. In order to do this, they will ask for quarters to donate to the Neediest Family Fund and canned goods (non-perishables) which will be given to Market Ministries. These collections will take place from now through December 19. If anyone would like to help with these donations, please feel free to drop them off at the Elementary School and show the children how generous their community can be.

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Fairhaven High School

Spain Trip

The World Languages Department of Fairhaven High School is planning a fourteen-day summer trip to Spain with a tentative departure date of June 25, 1998. All area high school students are invited to apply to participate in this educational and cultural experience.

The trip is unique in that it will include a dormitory stay in Gijon (a town on the Northern Cantabrian coast), four days in Madrid, and a five-day homestay in Seville. While in Gijon, students will take Spanish language lessons in the morning and tour the Asturias region in the afternoon. Madrid tours include "old Madrid," the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace, museums, and shopping.

Students interested in this low-cost, Fairhaven High School sponsored trip should contact Ms. Eileen Girouard, Head of the World Languages Department at Fairhaven High School at 979-4053.

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These students mastered skills in adult, child and infant CPR, and all phases of standard first aid. This is an inaugural course taught by physical education instructors Patricia Barrow and Stephen Bender at Fairhaven High School. Mr. Barrow and Ms. Bender took the eight-hour Community First Aid and Safety course and the twenty-hour Instructor Certificate course. Both instructors are now qualified to certify students in all aspects of CPR and

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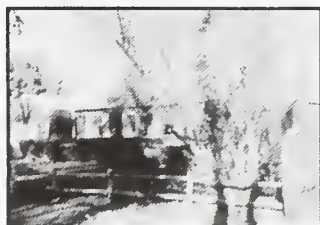
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Students interested in this low-cost, FHS-sponsored trip should contact Eileen Girouard, Head of the World Languages Department at Fairhaven High School, at 979-4053.

Mattapoisett Model Train Show

The 11th Annual Mattapoisett Model Train Show will be held on Sunday, December 14 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School. Sponsored by Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31, donations for the event are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children (ages 6 to 12) and seniors. This is the troop's annual fund raiser and all proceeds are used to cover troop operating expenses, camping trips and equipment. The show features many area model railroad dealers selling model trains, building and scenery kits in all scales, books,

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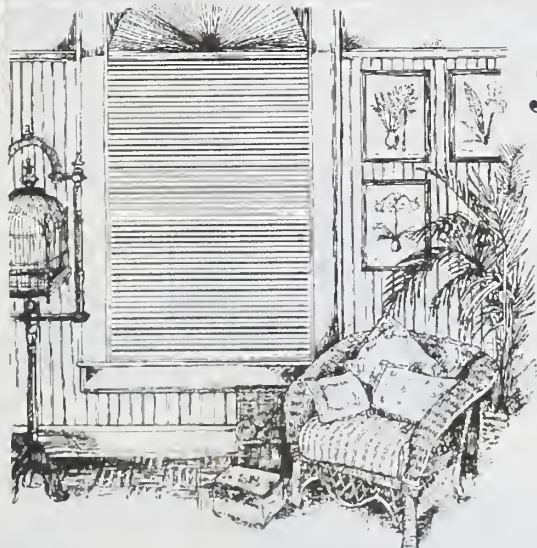
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- Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 pm - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Kiwanis Club

The Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Kiwanis Club will be holding another Christmas canned goods collection for needy families, Christmas baskets, and food pantries on Saturday, December 20 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. For contributions to the needy this year, please consider donating canned goods at Shaw's Supermarket in Fairhaven. Last year, seven facilities to feed the hungry were assisted with the 1500 pounds of food collected by the Kiwanis Club.

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The Captain Joshua Slocum Centennial Committee of Fairhaven has a new amethyst colored 1998 edition of their *Spray* cup plate available for Christmas gift-giving. The new cup plate has a different rim but is otherwise identical to the cobalt blue cup plate issued in 1995. The design by George Avila of Mattapoisett shows the *Spray* under sail, rigged as a yawl, and the voyage dates 1895-1898. Both colors are available at Dan Mello Real Estate, 32 Centre Street in Fairhaven. Proceeds will be used to fund the 1998 Slocum Centennial Events.

Rochester Holiday Events

Door Decorating Contest

The Town of Rochester is once again holding a Door Decorating Contest for the holiday season. Please call Town Hall at 763-3871 to enter. Judging will be conducted on Thursday, December 18 at 6:00 pm.

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Rochester Historical Survey

The Rochester Historical Commission has engaged the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. of

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Pawtucket, RI to survey and inventory historically- and archaeologically-significant assets of town. A list of properties dating up to 1947 will be prepared by the Public Archaeology Lab and the Rochester Historical Commission by January when the research will begin. Approximately one-third of the town's oldest buildings — up until 1850 — were researched in the 1970's and will be updated.

The Commission would welcome any input of historical information pertaining to Rochester. If any owner of a home with historic value has compiled its history and would be willing to share this research, including any relevant anecdotes or commentary, it would be much appreciated. Please send this information to: Rochester Historical Commission, P.O. Box 323, Rochester, MA 02770, or contact any commission member.

The Rochester Historical Commission, working in conjunction with the Historic Preservation segment of the Master Plan Committee, will undertake additional projects when this survey is complete, all with the aim and desire of the residents to retain in every way the rural charm and tranquility that has been Rochester's past in order to "preserve the past - enhance the future."

Maconchu Club - Mattapoisett

The Maconchu Club of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will have their Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20. Hors d'oeuvres will be served

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Spiritual Gatherings in Fairhaven
 Located on West Island in Fairhaven, the Star of the Sea Chapel and Spiritual Center is offering several spiritual workshops. "Growing the Spirit" Wednesday evening gatherings for women are held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The group is presently studying the book *The Soul's Code* by James Hillman. There is a Thursday morning meeting "Enriching the Spirit Through Poetry and Prose," which gathers from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.
 Worship Services in the chapel are held Saturday at 4:30 pm. Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm the chapel offers an in-gathering time for those who wish to nurture their Spiritual Lives by taking part in an hour of Candlelight and Chant (Monastic Chanting of the Psalms).
 The Star of the Sea Chapel and Spiritual Center is inclusive and open to all. Its aim is to help individuals on their spiritual journey by offering a setting of quiet space to enter the Silence, a library of Spiritual Books, and an environment to grow the spirit. Group and individual





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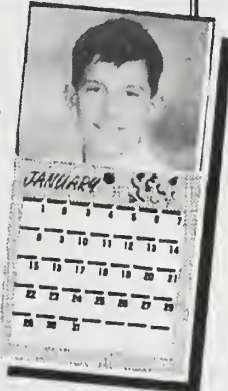
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Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers will have their New Year's Eve Party at McGovern's Restaurant in Fall River. Tickets are still available at \$22.50 per person which includes a complete buffet and Continental Breakfast. For more information, please call 995-7204.

Adoptable Animals

Can you imagine being walled up inside an apartment complex for a span of three weeks? This is an unbelievable but true story of Animal Umbrella's latest cat rescue. "Precious," an all-black female with gorgeous green eyes survived this ordeal. Her owners abandoned her and being frightened alone she chose to hide in the wall. A carpenter refurbishing the apartment walled her in and not until three weeks later when the new tenants arrived and heard her crying was she rescued.

She had no food or water during this time and when found was barely alive. She was taken to the animal health clinic in Bourne where she spent another three weeks being fed intravenously and observed closely by Dr. Sharon Murray. This past week she was brought to a foster home in Mattapoisett where she is receiving lots of TLC. Elaine, her foster mom, says she is very timid but loving and a real survivor. Precious now needs that certain someone who can give her a quiet home and the patience she needs to once again be a happy cat. She seems to enjoy the other cats who visit her on occasion. If you can help this little cat and would like to see her, please call Elaine at 758-6548.

In addition to this special kitty, the group also has another this week named "Mitzie." She was thrown from a third-floor window and as a result had her back leg amputated. Mitzie is not hindered by this and gets around like a normal cat. She is black and white and very sweet.

Other adults awaiting adoption this week include:

- A sleek, all-black female (7 months);
- A long-haired gray and tan calico (2 years);
- An all-black double-pawed male (8 months);
- An all-black pure-bred male Persian (4 years);
- Two long-haired black and white females (2 years).

All adults have been spayed, neutered and vaccinated.

Animal Umbrella still has a few kittens available including a pair of Angora females (9 weeks old) — one black and white, one gray and white; two orange tiger males (4 months) and an adorable all-black male (8 weeks old).

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter located on Bridge Street has a new Animal Control Officer and the shelter is once again open for adoptions on Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Some of the dogs available include:

- An all-black lab male - very young and energetic;
- A lab mix male puppy about four months old;
- A sweet petite female shepherd; and
- Two shepherd/pit bull mixes, both males.

If interested in adopting a dog, please call Cristy at 979-4028. All dogs are heartworm-tested and rabies vaccinated by Dr. Murray.

If interested in any of the animal offerings here, please call one of the following local Animal Umbrella representatives:

- Mary Lou at 758-9202;
- Priscilla at 758-2896;
- Trudy at 990-7806;
- Susan at 758-4044.

School Holiday Shows

Sippican School

On Thursday, December 18, Sippican School in Marion will host its Winter Concert with two performances at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

Memorial School

Memorial School in Rochester will hold its Holiday Concert on Friday, December 19 at 9:30 am.

Midd-Town Twirlers Club

Members of the Midd-Town Twirlers Square Dance Club will hold a Jolly Holly Christmas on December 20 at 8:00 pm at the Centre Methodist Church Hall on the corner of Center and Walnut Streets in Fairhaven. Dennis Marsh will call, Betty Leonard will cue, and the level will be mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 992-2555 or 993-3300.

Marion Art Center

Cecil Clark Davis

Saturday, December 13 is Cecil Clark Davis Day at the Marion Art Center. Never-before-seen diaries, letters, and photographs will be on display. Wendy Bidstrup will be available to relate biographical information and anecdotes about Cecil, portrait painter and first wife of Richard Harding Davis. Through the courtesy and generosity of Miss Frederica Dibblee Poett, an early oil painting of Richard, lovingly rendered by Cecil, will also be part of the exhibit. This portrait, owned by Miss Poett, friend and companion of Cecil for thirty years, has never been shown in public before.

Young People's Theater

The Young People's Theater program at the Marion Art Center will present three plays: "The Pied Piper" will be performed by Grades 2 - 5 on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm. On Thursday, December 18, Grades 1 - 3 will perform "Henry Huggins." The advanced group (Grades 4 - 6) will perform an adaptation



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of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" on Friday, December 19 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 20 at 1:00 pm. Donations will be accepted. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 748-1266.

Holiday Reading at Millicent Library

Dorothea Paull, volunteer archivist, will read Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* at the Thursday, December 18 meeting of the Millicent Library's Book Discussion Group in Fairhaven. The 10:00 am program is FREE and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please join them for this special holiday treat.



This holiday season don't forget your animal friends. Come into a full line pet care center at Denise's Pet, 123 Fairhaven Road in Mattapoisett. Denise's is filled to the brim with new inventory for holiday shopping, including a great selection of fresh and salt water fish, birds, small animals, reptiles and all the accessories to go with them. And until Dec. 31st buy one fresh water fish and get the second fish of equal value FREE! Denise has a remarkable selection of pet care and accessory needs for your dog or cat.



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MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Eastwood's direction slows *Midnight* down to a snail's pace

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. Starring John Cusack and Kevin Spacey. Directed by Clint Eastwood. Running time: 155 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At select theaters.

Over the past decade or so — dating back to *Pale Rider* and *Bird* — Clint Eastwood has developed a moody and meditative style that can be immensely satisfying. Eastwood trusts us to be adults, to sit still and relax into a narrative. Yet his deliberate style only works when he gives us ambiguities and complexities to savor, as in *Unforgiven*. A slow pulp movie like Eastwood's *Absolute Power* merely seems slow, giving us too much time to pick at the plot threads.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil is certainly not pulp, and it might be more disreputable fun if it had been pulp. The movie is based on John Berendt's bestseller, which reads like a shot; if Berendt had written the book the way Eastwood has directed the film, nobody would've gotten past the first chapter. A flamboyant director like Kenneth Branagh might have captured the juicy vitality of the book. Eastwood dries everything out, telling the basic story at a snail's pace.

Berendt narrated his book as a detached outsider and observer drawn into the local color of Savannah, Georgia. Eastwood and scripter John Lee Hancock (who previously collaborated on *A Perfect World*) replace Berendt with the fictional John Kelso (John Cusack), a writer doing a story for *Town and Country* about the legendary Christmas party thrown by Savannah antiques dealer Jim Williams (Kevin Spacey). The Kelso character has been given a more active role than Berendt had in the book, but Cusack never quite registers; he seems to be floating around in the margins of the movie.

Spacey, the best reason to see *Midnight*, gives his usual



his study; they have an argument that leaves Billy shot to death on Williams' Persian rug.

Was it self-defense or outright murder? That was the mystery that held Berendt's local-color anecdotes together. The film compresses Williams' four trials into one and retains a few of the book's odd characters, including a guy who ties flies to his clothes (Geoffrey Lewis), an elderly voodoo woman (Irma P. Hall), and the flashy drag queen Lady Chablis, who plays herself — a little of her goes a very long way. Boy, get a load of all these quirky people! The movie is often like a Lettermen sketch about weirdos, stretched out over two and a half hours. Eastwood had more success with a group of misfits in his *Bronco Billy*, a fine movie that suggested he could adapt Berendt's difficult-to-adapt book.

Why couldn't he, then? Maybe nobody could have; some material simply works better on the page than on the screen. Eastwood gets points for trying, but *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* lacks dramatic power and focus; it's one long ramble surrounding a routine courtroom drama, meandering and, finally, boring. It asks whether we can really know the truth — a question asked and answered brilliantly in Akira Kurosawa's *Rashomon*, a far better and, God knows, far shorter film.

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Mon-Thu: 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30

Eve's Bayou (R) — Fri: 5:00, 9:40; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 5:00, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 6:30

Starship Troopers (R) — Fri-Sun: 2:30, 7:15; Mon-Thu: 8:45

I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) — Fri: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15;
Sat: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 9:45; Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

*As Good As It Gets** (PG-13) — Sneak Preview Sat. (12/6) at 7:00 pm only!

Mortal Kombat: Annihilation (PG-13) — Fri: 4:50, 7:00;

Sat/Sun: 12:45, 4:50, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 6:45

Critical Care (R) — Fri-Sun: 2:45, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 9:00

Boogie Nights (R) — Fri: 3:00, 6:30, 9:30; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 3:00, 6:30, 9:30;

Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:20

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The Rainmaker (R) — 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20

The Jackal (R) — 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Bean (PG-13) — 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

Home Alone 3 (PG) — 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30

Flubber (PG) — 12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

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■ ACUSHNET

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- Lawson Avenue - annoying/obscene phone calls
- Lawson Avenue - vandalism
- Tarklin Hill Road - motor vehicle accident
- Lawson Avenue - breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Bernard Street - impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Rene Street - suspicious investigation
- Mattapoisett Road - shots fired
- Slocum Street - humane call/injured animal
- Garrison's Lane - suspicious motor vehicle
- Acushnet River Valley Golf Course - vandalism
- Perry Hill Road - domestic disturbance
- Parkside Avenue - motor vehicle accident/hit and run/juvenile arrest (leaving the scene of property damage, use of motor vehicle without authority)
- Perry Hill Road - domestic disturbance
- Middle Road - adult arrest (warrant)
- Nye's Lane - domestic disturbance
- Fairway Drive - impounded dog/dangerous animal
- Middle Road - harassment
- Main Street - motor vehicle accident
- Garrison's Lane - shots fired
- Peckham Road - motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Main Street - found items
- Main Street - motor vehicle accident
- Rock Street - motor vehicle theft
- Hebert Road - hunting viola-

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- Leboeuf Street - domestic disturbance
- South Main Street - larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Michael Way - adult arrest (operating under the influence; third offense, negligent operation of motor vehicle)
- Pershing Avenue - domestic disturbance
- South Main Street - found items
- Main Street - annoying/obscene phone calls.

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 30 through December 6, 1997:

- Bullivant Farm Road - vandalism/past
- Front Street - animal complaint
- Abel's Way - animal complaint
- Front Street - suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street - animal complaint
- Wareham Road - adult arrest (operating motor vehicle with suspended license)
- Ichabod Lane - animal complaint
- Spring Street - animal complaint
- Mill Street - animal complaint
- Point Road - suspicious person
- Front Street - weapons violation
- Park Street - officer wanted
- Front Street - motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street - breaking and entering/past
- Bullivant Farm Road - vandalism/past
- Front Street - trespassing
- Holly Lane - animal complaint
- Front Street - suspicious activity
- Point Road - suspicious activity.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 30 through December 6, 1997:

- Acushnet Road - motor vehicle

accident

- Pine Island Road - motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
- North Street - motor vehicle accident/car hit deer
- Aucoot Road - motor vehicle accident/deer struck by vehicle
- Chapel Road - vandalism to home
- Homestead Court - prowler in yard
- County Road - returned property
- Aucoot Road - low water pressure
- Lebaron Way - gun shots reported
- North Street - branch in roadway
- Shaw Street - general disturbance
- Acushnet Road - domestic abuse/unwanted person
- County Road - safe keeping
- Brandt Island Road - suspicious activity
- Marion Road - past break into motor vehicle
- County Road - minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot
- North Street - dog in median strip
- Cedar Street - party reports persons in cellar
- Waterview Lane - truck leaking oil
- Brant Beach Avenue - barking dog reported
- North Street - deer struck by motor vehicle
- Route 195 East - possible motor vehicle accident
- Route 195 East - disabled motor vehicle with elderly male
- North Street - youth jumped from car
- County Road - roads getting slippery/icy
- North Street - past motor vehicle accident
- Long Plain Road - party reports hunters in her yard
- Long Plain Road - adult arrest (warrant)
- Acushnet Road - unfriendly German shepherd in yard
- County Road - minor motor vehicle accident in parking lot

- Melissa Anne Lane - suspicious motor vehicle
- Acushnet Road - fire in dryer
- Fairhaven Road - larceny.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 1 through December 8, 1997:

- Mendell Road - road hazard
- Quaker Lane - suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road - assist officer
- High Street - poor road conditions
- Braley Hill Road - tree in road
- Hiller Road - dog complaint
- New Bedford Road - suspicious motor vehicle
- Stuart Bog - hunters reported
- Mendell Road - animal control matter
- Jason's Lane - animal control matter
- Stuart Road - animal control matter
- Hiller Road - barking dog complaint
- Snipatuit Road - road closed
- Marion Road - adult arrest (operating after license suspended)
- Ryder Road - suspicious activity
- Pierce Street - animal control matter
- Cushman Road - hunters reported
- Hiller Road - barking dog complaint
- Robinson Road - adult arrest (warrant)
- Route 105 - icy road conditions
- Route 105 - motor vehicle accident
- Walnut Plain Road - suspicious activity
- White Pine Avenue - domestic abuse
- Rounseville Road - adult arrest (warrant)
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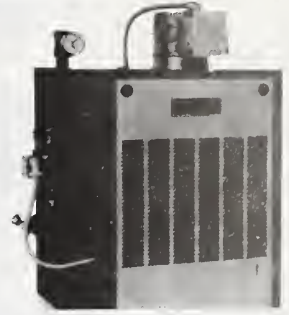
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The course is open to everyone, with no age restriction and no requirement for boat ownership. The only cost associated with the course are the cost of materials plus \$5 to help defray the cost of classroom rental. Prices for materials, including sales tax, are as follows: Boating Course Completion Kit, \$26.50 (includes



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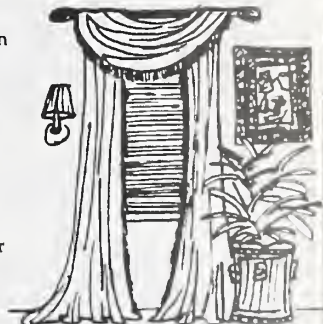


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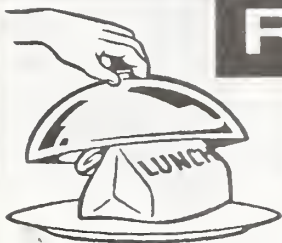
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■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, December 15 — Hamburger, French fries, pickles, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Tuesday, December 16 — Tacos with soft shell or hard shell, rice, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, December 17 — Macaroni and cheese, ham, peas, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, December 18 — Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, December 19 — French bread pizza, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, December 15 — Cream of broccoli soup, barbecued chicken, vegetarian beans, club roll, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, December 16 — Ziti with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, scallion bread, chilled fruit.

Wednesday, December 17 — Roast pork with gravy, oven roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, oatmeal roll, merry-go-round cake.

Thursday, December 18 — Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomatoes, dark rye bread, chilled fruit.

Friday, December 19 — Breaded fish with tartar sauce, hash brown potatoes, whole wheat roll, winter blend vegetables, tapioca pudding.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 15 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna pocket, oven fries, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 16 — Roasted turkey, mashed potato, peas, roll, or Steak'Um with cheese in a pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 17 — Baked ziti with garlic bread, or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 18 — Meatball sub, or turkey pocket, oven fries, soup, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 19 — Cheese or linguica pizza, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, December 15 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/

cheeseburger, Steak'Um and cheese sub, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, December 16 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled cheese, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled pineapple, cherry pie.

Wednesday, December 17 — Chicken patty club, Sloppy Joe on a bun, hot ham and cheese, oven fries, corn, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, December 18 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna and lettuce sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, holiday cake.

Friday, December 19 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, hot pastrami grinder, chicken patty club, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 15 — Steak and cheese grinder, meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, potato crunch fish nuggets, oven fries, baked beans, chilled pineapple, strawberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, December 16 — Italian meat loaf with sauce, grated mozzarella, turkey, lettuce and tomato grinder, seasoned pasta noodles, peas and carrots, salad, chilled peaches, cherry pie.

Wednesday, December 17 — Kentucky style chicken, Sloppy Joe on a bun, hamburger/cheeseburger, scalloped potatoes, corn niblets, applesauce, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, December 18 — Roast turkey with gravy, steak and cheese grinder, "hero" grinder, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, holiday cookie.

Friday, December 19 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, grilled ham and cheese, mac rib sub, salad, green beans, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, December 15 — Hamburger, French fries, pickles, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Tuesday, December 16 — Tacos with soft shell or hard shell, rice, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, December 17 — Macaroni and cheese, ham, peas, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, December 18 — Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, December 19 — French bread pizza, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, December 15 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger,

Steak'Um and cheese sub, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, December 16 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled cheese, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled pineapple, cherry pie.

Wednesday, December 17 — Chicken patty club, Sloppy Joe on a bun, hot ham and cheese, oven fries, corn, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, December 18 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna and lettuce sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, holiday cake.

Friday, December 19 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, hot pastrami grinder, chicken patty club, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, December 15 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna pocket, oven fries, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 16 — Roasted turkey, mashed potato, peas, roll, or Steak'Um with cheese in a pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 17 — Baked ziti with garlic bread, or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 18 — Meatball sub, or turkey pocket, oven fries, soup, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 19 — Cheese or linguica pizza, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOC-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 15 — Steak'Um and cheese, hash brown patty, green beans, fruit, peanut butter cookie.

Tuesday, December 16 — Fruit juice, meatball sub, rice, peas, frosted cake.

Wednesday, December 17 — Chicken nuggets, French fries, BBQ sauce, carrots, fruit crisp.

Thursday, December 18 — Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, marble cake.

Friday, December 19 — Vegetable soup, pizza, chips, corn, assorted dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 15 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna pocket, oven fries, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 16 — Roasted turkey, mashed potato, peas, roll, or Steak'Um with cheese in a pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 17 — Baked ziti with garlic bread, or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 18 — Meatball sub, or turkey pocket, oven fries, soup, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 19 — Cheese or linguica pizza, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 15 — Soup, pastrami with cheese, chicken tritters, fries, pickle, carrot stick, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, December 16 — Beef lasagna, bacon cheeseburger, garlic bread, broccoli, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, December 17 — Soup, hamburger with gravy, or chicken patty, mashed potato, peas, roll, pudding, fruit, juice or milk.

Thursday, December 18 — Chicken fajita pocket, or grilled ham and cheese, lettuce and tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, December 19 — Chicken parmesan, or Steak'Um and fries, pickle, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, December 15 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna pocket, oven fries, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 16 — Roasted turkey, mashed potato, peas, roll, or Steak'Um with cheese in a pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 17 — Baked ziti with garlic bread, or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 18 — Meatball sub, or turkey pocket, oven fries, soup, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 19 — Cheese or linguica pizza, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, December 15 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, Steak'Um and cheese sub, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, December 16 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled cheese, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, chili, Mexican salad, chilled pineapple, cherry pie.

Wednesday, December 17 — Chicken patty club, Sloppy Joe on a bun, hot ham and cheese, oven fries, corn, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, December 18 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, bologna and lettuce sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, holiday cake.

Friday, December 19 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, hot pastrami grinder, chicken patty club, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.

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For more information, please contact Ed Lewis at 758-3876, Dick Fearing at 748-1890, Bob Coburn at 947-4462, Ralph Parker at 995-9204, or Mary True at 763-5241.

ORR School District

Community Service

Old Rochester Regional High School is expanding student involvement in community service programs thanks to a recent grant awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Education in the amount of \$16,000. The administration, faculty, students, and the community have made a commitment to involve ORR High School students in real-life settings where they can apply academic knowledge and previous experience to meet the needs of the community.

The funds will be used to hire a part-time coordinator who will help the district meet the needs of the school and community with a broad-based and comprehensive program. Vital to the success of this program is the recruitment of additional CSL partners who will help to provide a worthwhile community



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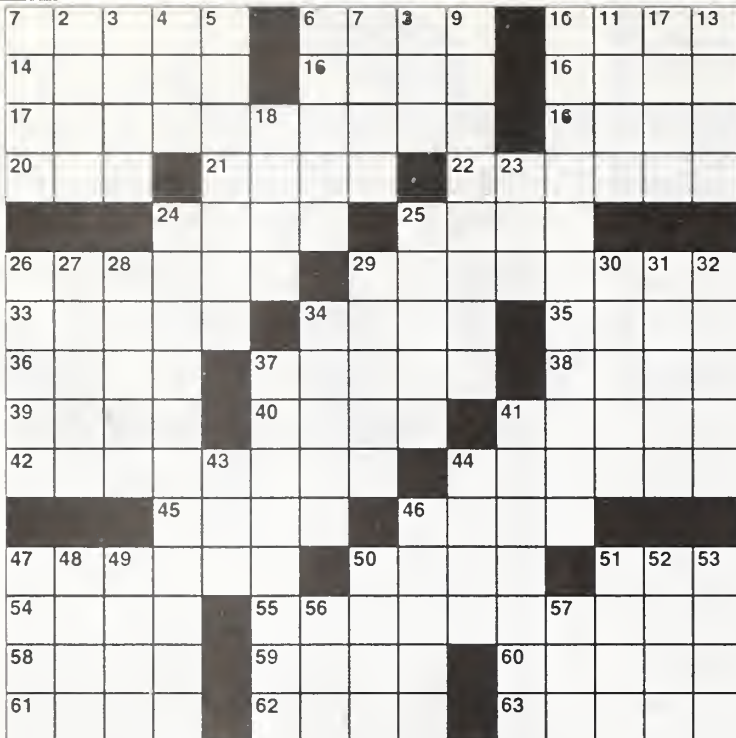
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Responsibilities clash with your travel plans. You'll soon start finding ways to break free.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You're doing very well considering the handicap you're under. Finish up a tough job while you still have the advantage.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Pool resources with a friend to get what you want. The same goes for travel. Together you can get there.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Your workload is intense, but a partner helps out. Don't get into an argument. It'll only waste time. Pool your resources to get something you both want badly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Although your attitude is good, the workload is horrendous. Don't complain. Just get it done. Tackle a tough assignment so you can play with your mate.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make a romantic commitment. That bond helps you handle confusion at home. You might not have time for much, so don't schedule anything.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Read the manual so you can solve a problem at home all by yourself. You'll be so proud once you have.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pay attention. The skills you are learning could lead to an increase in income. Plan ahead to solve a problem at home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Money's tight, especially if you say so. Don't let anybody talk you out of your hard-won resources.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're super-efficient. Push yourself to finish an old job quickly. Slick maneuvering leads to an increase in income.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're under a bit of pressure, but your friends help you out. Let them know what you need, and they'll come up with amazing ideas.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You and your friends can outwit an older person. Don't be too obvious about it. The plot thickens. You may discover work you've forgotten to turn in.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: You're lucky with money. If you study and are aggressive, you'll gain even more. Your perseverance pays, literally.



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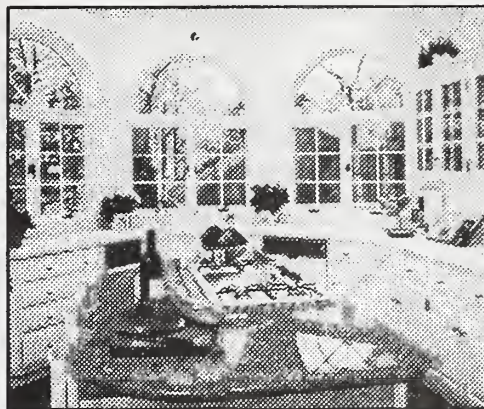
service for students, supervision of students participating and organization of the learning reflecting aspects of the program. Currently, the district is in the process of hiring the coordinator.

In the past, student volunteers have taken on projects such as the sanding of the Sippican School playground, tutoring elementary students in Mattapoisett and working with senior citizens in Rochester. The district is seeking additional community service partners for the winter and spring terms. If there are any questions about the program, please contact Assistant Superintendent Carol Young at 758-2772, extension 18.

Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee for the Old Rochester Regional School District is looking for new members. This committee meets three to four times during the school year and is devoted to increasing diversity awareness in the schools. In the past, the diversity committee has assisted in planning the global fairs for the Junior and Senior High Schools and has worked on collecting resource materials for the school libraries. The committee

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#684 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Kevin Cassidy, 529 Snipatuit Road, who is seeking a special permit under Section VIII. C.D.2 & 2A, to allow alteration/addition to a building in the front yard area. Property is identified on Assessors maps as plan 47 lot 9. Public hearing will be conducted Thursday, January 8, 1998 at 7:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. Charles Wolf, Chairman 12/12, 12/19

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#683 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Colonial Gas Company (Algonquin Gas Transmission Company owner) for a variance from minimum lot frontage and set back requirements in the Industrial District under Section IV.B. of protective bylaws. Petitioner proposes to add a metering station to be housed in a precast concrete building located on Cranberry Highway, Assessors plan 17 lot 53A. Public hearing will be conducted Thursday, January 8, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way. Charles Wolf, Chairman 12/12, 12/19

TOWN OF MARION
LEGAL NOTICE
The Town of Marion will accept Applications for moorings in Marion Inner Harbor beginning on Friday, December 12, 1997 at 8:00am.
Filing Guidelines:
-Application forms will be available at Town Hall.
-Qualified applicants who fill out and submit the Form to the Marion Town Hall in person will be placed on the Waiting List in the order of receipt of the completed Application.
-Only the mooring permit seeker or his/her immediate family may submit the Application Form. Each person in line may submit only one Application.
-Massachusetts Residents only may apply.
-Applicants must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
-Inner Harbor mooring permit holders may not apply for additional moorings.
-Only one Application per person will be allowed.
-The one-time Application fee of \$15.00 is due when the Application is submitted - if not paying by check, please bring the correct amount of cash. If paying by check, please make check payable to the Town of Marion.
George A. Jennings, Marion Harbormaster 12/12, 12/19, 12/26

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Council Awards Subcontract

On Wednesday, December 17 beginning at 3:30 pm, the Tri-Town Early Childhood Advisory Council will meet at Center School in Mattapoisett to award a subcontract to a local private child care provider for the new Community Partnership Classroom. The new classroom will be located at the Memorial School in Rochester and represents a unique public/private

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partnership. It will offer full-day, year-round child care to three- and four-year-old children of working families while also offering an integrated preschool setting for students with Special Needs. The Massachusetts Department of Education recently notified the Council of the award of \$61,208 in additional funding for Community Partnerships for Children. For more information, please call Jane Taylor, Early Childhood Coordinator, at 748-1863.

Preschool Clinics

The Old Rochester Regional School District offers Preschool Screening Clinics to residents of the tri-towns which look at a child's thinking skills, speech, and language development, memory skills, coordination, vision and hearing. Appointments are available for January 9 for three- and four-year-olds. Please call Sippican School at 748-0100 to schedule an appointment at least one week in advance. For further information contact Jane Taylor, Early Childhood Coordinator, at 748-1863.

PAC Meetings for 1998

The regular meetings of the ORR and Union 55 School District Parent Advisory Council (PAC) have been changed for the remainder of the school year. The meetings will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 1998; Wednesday, March 18, 1998; and Wednesday, April 11, 1998 in the Robert Gardner Cafetorium at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. All parents of students with Special Needs and those interested in the special education programs in the tri-town area are invited to attend. For further information, please call the Special Education Office at 748-2192, or Sandra Kinney (Marion) at 748-2192, Jim Muse (Mattapoisett) at 758-2616, Cynthia Atwood (Rochester) at 763-3894, or Gail McSwiggan (ORR) at 758-4354.

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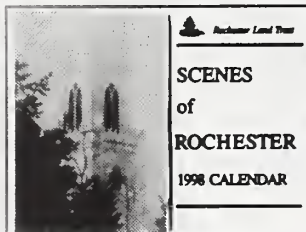
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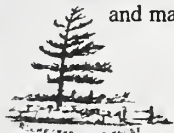
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Marion Council on Aging

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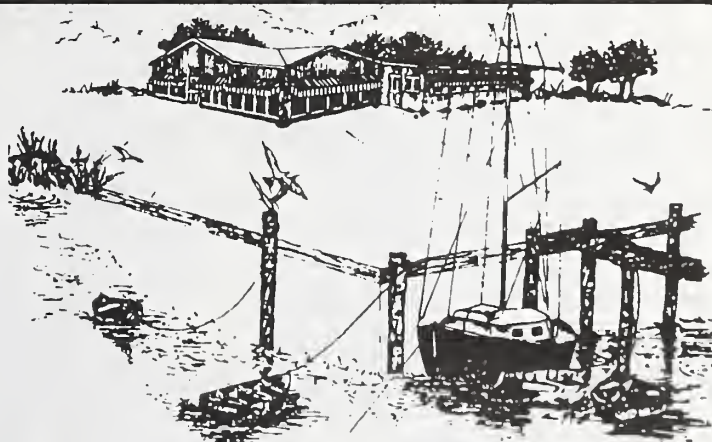
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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

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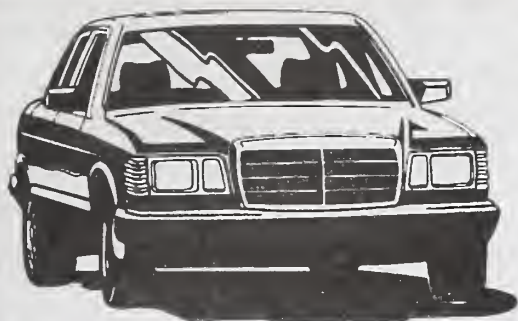
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December 5:	Fri.	11:41	...	4:35	5:15
December 6:	Sat.	12:15	12:40	5:35	6:13
December 7:	Sun.	1:18	1:43	6:43	7:17
December 8:	Mon.	2:18	2:44	7:59	8:25
December 9:	Tues.	3:18	3:44	9:17	9:30
December 10:	Wed.	4:16	4:40	10:27	10:31
December 11:	Thur.	5:10	5:34	11:27	11:25
December 12:	Fri.	6:01	6:24	...	12:19
December 13:	Sat.	6:50	7:13	12:15	1:07
December 14:	Sun.	7:38	8:00	1:01	1:50
December 15:	Mon.	8:25	8:47	1:45	2:31
December 16:	Tues.	9:10	9:33	2:27	3:10
December 17:	Wed.	9:55	10:20	3:07	3:46
December 18:	Thur.	10:42	11:09	3:47	4:22
December 19:	Fri.	11:29	11:59	4:27	4:59
December 20:	Sat.	...	12:19	5:10	5:39
December 21:	Sun.	12:52	1:11	5:59	6:25
December 22:	Mon.	1:46	2:05	6:55	7:17

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December 21st
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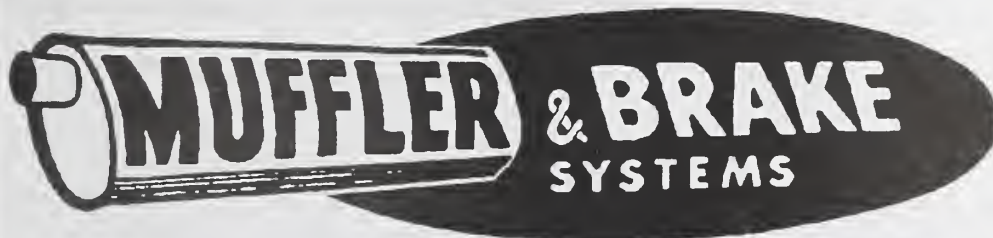
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